

# **Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group - notes**

**SUB-GROUP MEETING OF THE SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP – Hunterston A SSG**  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2006 in Conference Room 1, Hunterston A, West Kilbride**

## **PRESENT**

### **North Ayrshire Council**

Councillor Richard Wilkinson (Chair)

### **National Farmers Union**

Mrs Eleanor Lamont (Deputy Chair)

### **Community Councillors**

Mr Kenny MacDougall - Ardrossan

Mr John Lamb – West Kilbride

Mrs Rita Holmes – Fairlie

Mr Peter Macfarlane – Largs

### **British Nuclear Group**

Mrs Alyson Russell-Stevenson (SSG Secretariat)

Mr Peter Roach

Mrs Jennifer Gillie

Mr Tony Bale

### **Hunterston Estate**

Mr Angus Cochran Patrick

### **Strathclyde Fire Brigade**

George Lindsay

Members of the public were not in attendance.

**Apologies were received from Mr I Frame and Councillor Mrs. E. McLardy**

## **1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

Councillor Wilkinson welcomed the members of the sub group of the Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group (SSG). He explained this was a follow on and update from the last sub group on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2006. He also stated that he wished to deal with a number of outstanding issues from 2006 so that a fresh start could be made to 2007.

The group agreed that Councillor Wilkinson should chair remaining sub group meetings until the annual meeting in March, 2007.

## **2. SITE END STATE**

Councillor Wilkinson introduced Mr Andy Thomas and Dr Karen Hildred from Nuclear Technologies, the company who had won the contract to deliver a BPEO type options study. Dr Hildred informed the group of the developments in the deeper research that they have done so far.

At this point, Mr Roach asked to speak to the group regarding the leaflets for the Site End State options that went to the public in the papers. Mr Roach informed the group that a general agreement was reached by the group on the 3 options and they were given time to come back with feedback. To this there were emails received from members. He then informed the group that Councillor Wilkinson met with Mr Russell-Stevenson and agreed the leaflet that would be put out to the public as the initial drop.

Dr Hildred from Nuclear Technologies then went on to inform the group of the next steps in the process. Currently the process is at stage 1 where the options have been put out to the public. The next stage was to look at the Health & Safety issues, Socio Economic Issues and the levels of information to be made available. She mentioned that this would all be presented at the next SSG meeting or via Mrs Russell-Stevenson.

Dr Hildred asked the group how they wanted the public consultation to move on. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that in January there would be road shows travelling round, Millport, Largs, Fairlie, West Kilbride, Ardrossan, Dalry, Beith, Kilbirnie, Kilwinning, Irvine, Saltcoats, Stevenson, Skelmorlie and Arran using the council premises at each location. In these areas there would be boards placed explaining the options and dates would be published when experts would be at the locations to answer questions. Mrs. Russell-Stevenson, supported by the Chair, asked for volunteers to man the road shows.

It was also agreed by the group that they would go to the national papers with more information as well as the radio stations. The group also agreed that there would be information packs available for any one requesting it, containing in-depth details on the Site End State options.

The group went on to discuss when they would meet to go through the options that have been returned from the public consultations. It was agreed that the group would meet on the 15<sup>th</sup> February at 0930hrs to spend the day in Conference Room 1 going through the options. It was agreed that Nuclear Technologies would supply an Independent Facilitator at the meeting.

### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SSG SUB GROUP MEETING**

The minutes of the last SSG Sub Group meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2006 were amended and agreed as an accurate record.

### **4. PAYMENT PROPOSALS**

Councillor Wilkinson informed the group of the progress on the matter of remuneration. He read out the letter from Mr Griffin dated 30<sup>th</sup> October 2006 with the NDA response regards remuneration. The result was that only the Chair and Deputy Chair would receive remuneration.

### **5. Membership of SSG**

The group then went on to discuss new members to the group and it was decided that a separate sub group should be formed to take this matter forward; this group would consist of Councillor Wilkinson, Mrs Lamont, Mr Cochran Patrick, Mr Lamb and Mr Bale. It was agreed

that they would advertise in the paper and that Mrs Russell-Stevenson would produce an advert and consult with Councillor Wilkinson before sending it out. The group also agreed to look at admission of new member organisations e.g. Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire, Civil Nuclear Police Authority. During this discussion Mr MacDougall withdrew from the meeting.

**6. National Interest Groups**

The group went on to discuss the MIG & WIG meetings and the attendance to them. It was raised by Mrs Holmes the length of time taken to reimburse travelling expenses. The group decided that they would complain and the Chair would write to Mr Griffin of the NDA.

**7. Attendance**

The sub group then moved on to the issue of lack of attendance at the meetings. It was agreed that the Chair would write a letter to the Chief Executive of the Council regarding the lack of attendance of Councillors.

**8. Response to Consultation**

Councillor Wilkinson then went on to ask how the group wished to handle consultation documents/ invitations to meetings etc. It was agreed that when invitations come in, the information would be sent out to all members and they would get back to the SSG Secretariat or the Chair, if interested. It was also agreed that when the SSG receive publications e.g CORWM, a brief explanation of the publication would be sent out to members and if there was interest, members could request the full publication from the SSG Secretariat or the Chair.

**9. Constitutional Amendments**

It was agreed to ask the Recruitment sub group to also collate/ seek alterations to the Constitution for presentation to the annual meeting in March, 2007.

**10. Socio-economic Proposals**

Councillor Wilkinson stated that the process should be that new applications should be notified at sub group meetings. They should be considered by the sub group when the Secretariat had worked them through. Detailed discussion should be held at sub group level. The outcomes of applications would be announced at the full SSG meetings to public and press with suitable comment. This was agreed by the meeting.

**11. Dates/ Venues for 2007**

The Group went on to decide on the dates for the SSG main meetings for 2007. These were agreed as:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2007 – Evening Meeting – Brisbane House Hotel, Largs
- 28<sup>th</sup> June 2007 – Afternoon Meeting – Brisbane House Hotel, Largs
- 20<sup>th</sup> September 2007 – Evening Meeting – Brisbane House Hotel, Largs
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2007 – Afternoon Meeting – Brisbane House Hotel, Largs

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Wilkinson asked the group if there was any other business. Mrs Russell-Stevenson brought up the subject of meeting etiquette and the fact that most members did not inform the SSG Secretariat of their attendance at the meetings. This was an issue as for the buffet and room hire, for numbers and if the meeting was even going to go ahead.

Mrs Russell-Stevenson reported to the group that the SSG had been invited up to the Dounreay Stakeholder Group in January. The group decided that it was the wrong time of year to travel to Dounreay and they would rather wait till the summer. Mrs Russell-Stevenson was asked to thank Dounreay SSG for inviting them.

**13. CLOSE OF MEETING**

Councillor Wilkinson closed the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

**Councillor Richard Wilkinson**  
**SSG Chair**